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An act relating to crisis stabilization units; amending s. 394.875, F.S.; directing the Department of Children and Family Services to implement a demonstration project in circuit 18 to test the impact of expanding the maximum number of crisis stabilization unit beds; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Paragraph (d) is added to subsection (1) of section 394.875, Florida Statutes, to read:

394.875 Crisis stabilization units, residential treatment facilities, and residential treatment centers for children and adolescents; authorized services; license required.—

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(d) The department is directed to implement a demonstration project in circuit 18 to test the impact of expanding beds authorized in crisis stabilization units from 30 to 50 beds. Specifically, the department is directed to authorize existing public or private crisis stabilization units in circuit 18 to expand bed capacity to a maximum of 50 beds and to assess the impact such expansion would have on the availability of crisis stabilization services to clients.

Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2011.